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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/079,479  
Applicants: Gottlieb-Georg LINDNER, et al.  
Filing Date: February 22, 2002  
For: SILICA BY PRECIPITATION AT CONSTANT  
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Group Art Unit: 1754  
Examiner: Nguyen

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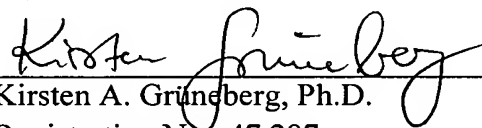
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir:

*Dr. Ralf Rausch*

Now comes who deposes and states that:

1. I am a graduate of *chemistry* and received my *ph-* degree in the year *1982*

2. I have been employed by *Degussa* for *19* years as a *chemist* in the field  
of *analytical characterization of silica and head of reference laboratory  
for precipitated silica*

3. The following experiments were carried out by me or under my direct supervision  
and control.

The Sears number of an original sample of Product A Versuch 6 of EP '755 (see Table 9 of EP'755) was measured as described on pages 13-15 of the specification and found to be 19,9 ml/5g. In addition the Sears number of an original sample of Product C Versuch 13 of EP '755 (see Table 9 of EP'755) was measured and found to be 22,6 ml/5g. Thus the Sears numbers of EP'755 are at least 10% below the Sears numbers as now claimed in Claim 1 of the present invention. Thus, the Examiner's statement that EP'755 has the same Sears number as the present invention is incorrect.

4. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to

be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may . . . jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

5. Further deponent saith not.

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